IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P.R.RAMAN
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARUN-UL-RASHID

MONDAY, THE 24TH DECEMBER 2007 / 3RD POUSHA, 1929

WP(C).No. 38193 of 2007(V)

PETITIONERS:
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1. SRI.THOMAS KUNNAPPALLY,
KUNNAPPALLY HOUSE, KUNNAPPALLY P.O.,
MEMBER,PALLIKATHODU DIVISION.

2. ADV. MOHAN THOMAS,KANIYAMKUNNEL,POONJAR
P.O.,MEMBER, POONJAR DIVISION.

3. SMT.SUDHA KURIAN,PANAMTHANAM,
VAKATHANAM P.O.,
KOTTAYAM DISTRICT,MEMBER,
VAKATHANAM DIVISION.

4. SMT.NIRMALA JIMMY,
CHANDRANKUNNEL,PRAVITHANAM P.O.,
MEMBER, MEENACHIL DIVISION.

5. SMT.JESSY MOL MANOJ,
PUNNAMKUZHIYIL,PUTHUPALLY P.O.,
MEMBER,PUTHUPALLY DIVISION.

6. SMT.RADHA V.NAIR,
VRINDAVAN,VELLOOR P.O.,MEMBER,
PAMPADY DIVISION,

7. SMT.MINI SAVIO,
THENGUMMOOTTIL,THIDANADU P.O.,MEMBER,
ERATTUPETTA DIVISION.

8. SMT.MOLLY PETER,KULANGOTTU OLICKAL,
KOODAPULAM P.O., RAMAPURAM,
MEMBER, RAMAPURAM DIVISION.

9. SMT.AJITHA SABU, KORATTYTHADATHIL,
MUTTUCHIRA P.O.,MEMBER,ETTUMANOOR DIVISION.

10. SMT.MARY SEBASTIAN,
MUTUHUKULATHIL,MUTTUCHIRA P.O.,
,MEMBER, KADUTHURUTHY DIVISION.

11. ADV.JOBE MICHEAL,
MEDIYAPARAMBIL, ITHITHANAM P.O.,
MEMBER, VAZHAPPALLY DIVISION,

12. ADV. ROY CHIRAYIL,
PERUMALILCHIRAYIL,MANNANAM P.O.,
MEMBER, ARPPOOKARA DIVISION.

BY ADV. SRI.SHAJI THOMAS PORKKATTIL

RESPONDENTS:
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1. THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
KOTTAYAM.

2. THE DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
KOTTAYAM.

3. THE RETURNING OFFICER,
KOTTAYAM DISTRICT PANCHAYATH & DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
KOTTAYAM.

4. SECRETARY,
(SRI.K.P.SUGUNAN,FORMER PRESIDENT,
KOTTAYM DISTRICT PANCHAYATH)
C.I.T.U. DISTRICT COMMITTEE OFFICE,
KOTTAYAM.

5. KERALA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

R5 BY ADV. SRI MURALI PURUSHOTHAMAN

BY GOVT. PLEADER SRI M.P.SREEKRISHNAN

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 24/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

P.R.RAMAN & HARUN-UL-RASHID, JJ.

W.P.(C)NO.38193 OF 2007

Dated this the 24th day of December, 2007

JUDGMENT

Raman, J.

Petitioners are elected members of Kottayam District Panchayat. By Ext.P2 notice the 3rd respondent summoned the petitioners to attend the meeting scheduled to be held on 2/1/2008 for electing the new President for the Kottayam District Panchayat. Petitioners apprehend that in view of the severe threat to their life from some political parties, they may not be in a position to exercise their franchise without fear.

2. Heard the learned Government Pleader also.

3. In the circumstances, there will be a direction to respondents 1 and 2 to give necessary protection to the petitioners so as to enable them to exercise their franchise for electing the President on 2/1/2008.

Writ Petition is disposed of as above.

P.R.RAMAN,
Judge.

HARUN-UL-RASHID,
Judge.